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1. Between 29 December 1953 and 3 January 1954, the Seeckt Kaserne in Magdeburg was occupied to capacity. At about 4:30 p.m. on 29 December 1953, soldiers engaged in routine duty. Numerous vehicles stood in the installation. Sentries observed wore black-bordered black epaulets and were equipped with submachine guns.                      trucks, including two with pontoons, entered the installation from the direction of Cracau                      Intensive traffic of personnel, including 10 officers with black service color, was observed between Seeckt Kaserne and Zuckerbusch Kaserne. At about 11:30 a.m. on 31 December, 6 groups of soldiers, presumably recruits, each of 6 to 8 men wearing black-bordered black epaulets received training in the terrain under the supervision of an engineer lieutenant.                     

2. During the period of observation, the Nachrichten Kaserne was occupied to capacity. At about 11:45 a.m. on 31 December, 2 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and about 40 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets and pulling 4 x 120-mm mortars entered the installation, coming from the Kleine Anger. About 80 to 100 soldiers fell in in front of one of the barracks buildings.

3. Between 19 December 1953 and 9 January 1954, the Encke Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Much personnel, predominantly officers, entered the installation.                     

4. Between 19 December 1953 and 9 January 1954, the Nachrichten Kaserne quartered an estimated 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Between 10 and 11 a.m. on 2 January, 8 to 10 groups, each of 2 NCOs and about 15 to 20 EM left the installation, wearing dress uniform. No training activity was observed after early January.

5. During the period of observation, the Flak Kaserne quartered an estimated 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Between 9 and 10 a.m. on 2 January, 25 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and including 2 lieutenant colonels, 3 majors, and 2 captains individually entered or left the installation. Between 9 and 10 a.m. on 5 January, soldiers practiced aiming at an AA emplacement east of the athletic field. At the same time, 40 to 50 soldiers with red-bordered black

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epaulets practiced aiming with 4 x 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard under the supervision of a major who also wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 28 December, a fatigue detail established a wooden fence, about 2.30 meters high, along the Klus dam and the eastern border of the installation which was thus barred from view.

6. During the period of observation, the Herrenkrug Kaserne quartered an estimated 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and the Anger Kaserne quartered an estimated 1,200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets or olive-colored epaulets with medical-service insignia. On 3 January, 3 T-34 tanks and about 50 trucks were seen in the barracks area.

25X1 [ ] Comment. Similar observations regarding the occupation of the two  
afore mentioned barracks installations were made at the end of December 1953  
and in early January 1954. [ ] The vehicles seen in  
25X1 the Seeckt Kaserne on 29 December can be brought in connection with a field  
exercise which was held by the 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GOFG on 28  
25X1 December. [ ]

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